

1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4103

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4103 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Act
5 is amended by adding Section 7.2 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 3930/7.2 new)

7 Sec. 7.2. Illinois Ex-Offenders Employment Stabilization
8 Pilot Program.

9 (a) The Authority shall establish the Illinois
10 Ex-Offender Employment Stabilization Pilot Program as a grant
11 program to (i) increase and improve post-release employment
12 opportunities for ex-offenders and (ii) reduce recidivism
13 rates through the combined resources and expertise of
14 providers of workforce development and supportive services.
15 The program shall be established in Illinois local
16 governments where (i) the number of residents under State
17 community correctional supervision is 10,000 or more
18 annually and (ii) the number of returnees to that local
19 government who have exited annually from State correctional
20 institutions is 25% or more of all individuals released
21 annually from State correctional institutions. The Authority
22 shall be responsible for reviewing grant proposals and

1 awarding grants. The Authority may discontinue all or any
2 part of this program if, in the Authority's discretion, the
3 program fails to accomplish the objectives set forth in this
4 subsection.

5 (b) The Governor shall appoint an Ex-Offenders
6 Employment Stabilization Pilot Program Advisory Board. The
7 Advisory Board shall be chaired by the Executive Director of
8 the Authority. Other members appointed by the Governor shall
9 consist of one representative of an Illinois not-for-profit
10 organization and enrolling 1,000 or more individuals annually
11 in its employment and training programs, of whom at least 70%
12 must be ex-offenders; one representative of an Illinois
13 not-for-profit organization and enrolling fewer than 150
14 individuals annually in its employment and training programs,
15 of whom at least 70% must be ex-offenders; the Commissioner
16 of the City of Chicago Mayor's Office of Workforce
17 Development; and 4 members nominated by the Mayor of the City
18 of Chicago, at least 2 of whom shall hold
19 management-level positions at employers located within the
20 City of Chicago currently employing ex-offenders. No member
21 of the Advisory Board may have a direct or indirect interest
22 in any entity that receives a grant under this Section.

23 (c) The Advisory Board shall:

24 (1) prepare and recommend to the Authority rules
25 implementing this Act;

26 (2) determine criteria and procedures to be
27 followed in awarding grants and review applications for
28 grants under the Ex-Offenders Employment Stabilization
29 Pilot Program; and

30 (3) make recommendations to the Authority as to the
31 award of grants under the Ex-Offenders Employment
32 Stabilization Pilot Program.

33 (d) Members all the Advisory Board shall not be
34 reimbursed for their costs and expenses of participation. All

1 decisions of the Advisory Board shall be decided on a one
2 vote per member basis with a majority of the Advisory Board
3 membership to rule.

4 (e) The Advisory Board shall report annually to the
5 General Assembly on its effectiveness and shall make further
6 recommendations based on the experiences and outcomes of its
7 operations.

8 (f) The Ex-Offenders Employment Stabilization Pilot
9 Program shall require grant proposals to include the
10 following elements to achieve a holistic and comprehensive
11 service strategy:

- 12 (1) rapid attachment to work;
- 13 (2) long-term follow-up;
- 14 (3) pre-release services;
- 15 (4) comprehensive support services;
- 16 (5) identification assistance; and
- 17 (6) job development and marketing.

18 (g) Funds may be appropriated to the Authority to pay
19 its costs of administering the programs authorized by this
20 Section. Beginning in fiscal year 2002, appropriated funds
21 may be used for the purposes of implementing this Act,
22 including necessary administrative costs.

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
24 becoming law."